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1. A convoy of 40 to 50 motor vehicles, occupied by troops wearing black epaulets and heading toward Berlin, was observed on the Magdeburg-Berlin autobahn, about 30 km east of the destroyed Elbe River bridge.

2. The following vehicles were noticed:

one amphibious car, resembling a German amphibious Volkswagen, occupied by officers.

One pontoon-like special vehicle, 8 to 10 meters long and 2 meters high. Two trucks towing field kitchens.

Two trucks carrying one motorboat each:

Twenty-five 3-ton trucks carrying one pontoon each.

Eight to ten trucks loaded with iron structures, beams and planks.

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The engineer unit belonged to the Rossau-Meinsdorf 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GDRG

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 It was presumably transferred for field exercises.

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